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SUBJECT: BORDER SURVEILLANCE UNITS

1. BACKGROUND

The Border Surveillance Program was originally started in I and II Corps areas in August 1962. The CIDG Program evolved from the original Border Surveillance Program when emphasis and publicity was given to the CIDG Program. The original camps were Dak To in Kontum Province and Khe Sanh in Quang Tri Province. Each of these camps started initially with two hundred and fifty (250) locally recruited Montagnards. The present Border Surveillance Program returned to its original mission when the CIDG mission was completed in these camps and other camps that were established along the border. The objective is to have continual and constant patrolling on the South Vietnamese side of the Laos Border to discover and intercept Viet Cong personnel and equipment crossing the border into South Vietnam.

2. TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES TO MACV

MACV and CSD agreed that on 1 November 1963 MACV would assume U.S. responsibility for the Border Surveillance Program in I and II Corps area. There were approximately two thousand (2,000) trained and equipped personnel in six (6) bases in the vicinity of the border in this transfer. The bases were:

I Corps - Khe Sanh	XD 859384
A Shau	YC 525815
Kham Duc	YC 906032
Ta Bat	YC 425945
II Corps - Dak Pek	YB 945686
Dak To	ZB 012212

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**3. CSD RESPONSIBILITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE TRANSFER**

- a. Conduct the necessary briefings for MACV including documentation and supporting papers concerning the program.
- b. Provide MACV with the roster of personnel engaged in the Border Surveillance Program and their location.
- c. Arrange for liaison and briefings with SFHCVN, and be prepared to assist and participate in joint discussions with MACV and SFHCVN when requested.
- d. Funds and property to be handled in accordance with established SWITCHBACK procedures.

4. MACV ACTION

After negotiating an agreement with SFHCVN concerning procedures to be used to effect transfer of U.S. supporting responsibilities, MACV issued implementing instructions to USASFV directing absorption of Border Surveillance assets into the CIDG Program to include re-designation of Border Surveillance camps as CIDG sites.

5. IMPLEMENTATION ACTION BY SFHCVN

SFHCVN issued parallel instructions to subordinate headquarters. Action is considered complete.

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